

CHAPTER 77.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER PROOF OF DEEDS
EXECUTED BEYOND THE STATE.

WHEREAS, very oftentimes much trouble and delay Preamble.
occurs in the proof of deeds and other instruments con-
veying property located in this state by parties thereto
who are non-residents or absent from the state :

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

SECTION 1. That every clerk of a court of record in any Acknowledgment
before clerk of any
court of record.
other state shall have full power as a commissioner of
affidavits and deeds as is now vested in regularly ap-
pointed commissioners of affidavits and deeds for the
state.

SEC. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its
ratification.

Ratified the 27th day of February, A. D. 1879.

CHAPTER 78.

AN ACT TO REGULATE IN CERTAIN RESPECTS THE COMPU-
TATION OF THE DEGREE OF KINSHIP WITHIN WHICH
PERSONS IN THIS STATE MAY NOT LAWFULLY MARRY.

WHEREAS, many persons in this state, in estimating Preamble.
what degree of kinship is nearer than first cousins, com-
pute kinship by the half-blood as being only half so near
as the same degree of kinship by the whole blood ; now,
therefore,